

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-07-02

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENTS
ALL COUNTY COUNSEL
ALL COUNTY ICPC LIASONS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: OUT-OF-STATE AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN FOSTER CARE (AFDC-FC)

The purpose of this letter is to clarify and ensure California minors placed in out-of-state facilities are protected by the same standards that protect minors in California facilities.

It has come to the attention of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that local Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Liaisons are placing children in out-of-state facilities that are not appropriately licensed. AFDC-FC can only be paid on behalf of an otherwise eligible child who is placed in an eligible facility as defined in Eligibility Assistance Standards (EAS) Section 45-202.5 (which includes relative placements), and Section 45.203.4. California does not have the authority to license facilities located out-of-state. Therefore, in order to meet this requirement for out-of-state placements, the facility must meet the standards of and be licensed by the state in which it is located. The facility must be licensed as a child care facility and must accord the child the same personal rights as described in EAS Section 45-202.517 and 45-203.417. To avoid a claiming error, the license status of facilities located outside of California must be verified prior to authorization of payment. The County Welfare Department must maintain a copy of this information in the child's case file.

As a reminder, dependents and wards can only be placed in out-of-state group homes that have been certified by CDSS or approved by the California Compact Administrator pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911.1. Please refer to All County Information Notice I-69-00 for additional information.

If you have further questions regarding Title IV-E funding please contact Jack Stroppini, Manager, IV-E Eligibility and Funding Unit at (916) 322-5949. For questions regarding ICPC please contact Jackie Rodriguez, Manager, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit at (916) 322-5391.

Sincerely,

Original document signed by

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Children and Family Services